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A Lake Michigan Fish Story: Return of the King

Michigan DNR says natural reproduction of Chinook salmon is improving.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. — In the harbor towns along Lake Michigan, there haven't been a lot of good fish stories to tell the last couple years.

The salmon fishing's been bad.

But this spring, the king salmon are back in big numbers.

"I've been running fish out of Grand Haven since '84 and this is by far probably our best salmon fishery we've had in quite a



Salmon hang from hooks in Grand Haven. (May 25, 2017)

long time," Dana Bonney, charter captain

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2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & BUSINESS MEETING

MCBA Annual Membership Meeting October 20, 21 & 22, 2017

Working With You For A Better Charter Industry

Holland, MI — The 2017 Annual Michigan Charter Boat Association Business Conference will be held over the weekend of October 20, 21 and 22, 2017 at The Double Tree Hotel by Hilton.

The Association has made arrangements with the hotel for a special room rate for those who wish to stay overnight for one or two nights. Call them at (616) 394-0111, and ask for the MCBA special rate (\$94 per night, code: MCB) the address is 650 E. 24th Street St. Holland, MI 49423

The fall conference is a great way to catch up on what's going on and to enjoy a day or two away from the regular home routine. Bring your spouse or significant other, too. There are lots of things (shopping for the upcoming holidays) to do in the area.

The Annual Conference will begin on Friday evening with a social gathering in the hospitality room (6: PM - till?). This informal gathering will provide an evening long opportunity to mix with MCBA officers and board members; maybe some DNR personnel or Sea Grant staff, and of course, other

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From the Helm . . .



One of the pleasures of my job as President of MCBA is attending the Michigan State University fisher-

ies and wildlife scholarships each April. This year on April 26, I had the privilege to meet two fine fisheries students that our association awarded each a \$1500.00 scholarship. These scholarships are awarded as the Denny Grinold MCBA Scholarship Award each year.

This year's award scholarships were presented to Ben Bejzek and Anthony Alvin. Ben is from Portage, MI and Anthony is from Indonesia. Both are actively working in fisheries related projects this summer in Michigan. Talking with Anthony, he would like to someday return to his country and work to promote better fishing and the development of better methods of fishing for commercial markets.

This year the Awards banquet was held at MSU - Demmer Sports and Shooting Center...And as I arrived there early, I was taken on a small tour of the indoor rim fire gun ranges at the center. After the small tour, I found my banquet table, met up with our scholarship students, and introduced ourselves. As the evening pro-

gressed, that ultimately lead to a in-depth discussion about our fisheries here in Michigan and the Great Lakes overall with these two fine young guys.

Moving to a few other topics...we are actively working on a raffle license with the State of Michigan Gaming Commission. We have a few hoops and hurdles to go through but should have this paper process over in July. Our plans as an Association is to have raffle drawings over the next few years to help with funding along with funding from other sport fishing organizations here in Michigan. This is to fund attorney fees representing sport-fishing interests with the upcoming 2020 tribal decree.

In late March, I appointed our past President Captain Terry Walsh to be our "lead person" with the ongoing commercial netting legislation that is being reviewed at the State level. As we get more information this summer, we will relay it to our membership via an E blast or emails.

As I finish this short report, I am happy to hear of better salmon fishing this spring along Lake Michigan. Let us hope that follows through the summer. Have a great summer and stay safe out there.

Kind regards

Capt Eric Andersen - President MCBA

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captains from all over the state. There will be FREE snacks, pizza, pop and adult drinks.

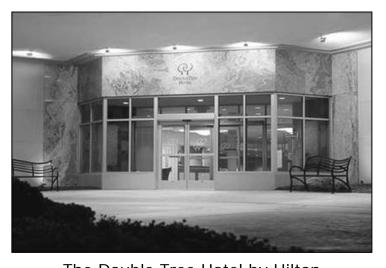
Of course, attendance at this event is strictly optional, but it is a great way to start your weekend at the MCBA conference. And you might get a chance to talk to someone in the DNR who needs to hear your issue. However, you don't need to attend the Friday evening session to enjoy the conference main event.

The main event will begin early Saturday morning, with coffee and Complete Deluxe Buffet Breakfast during registration. The program begins at 9:00 AM. Various Speakers and panels will present information about issues of interest to our captains. There are question and answer sessions at the end of each presentation.

On Saturday evening we will have a dinner at the hotel, followed by a short program including the Annual MCBA Awards and our honored dinner speaker (to be announced). After the short program, there is a spirited tackle raffle, usually raffling off some of the best current tackle from the best companies.

For those who stay over and we encourage you to do so, Sunday morning brings the official annual business meeting after coffee, juice, and BREAKFAST BUFFET (Free to all members & spouse). The meeting will cover all the current business of the Association and will end following the election of officers. Normally, the meeting is over by 10:30 AM or so, and folks begin to check out to travel home or take in local events.

We offer our annual business meeting as a benefit to our members for the sake of



The Double Tree Hotel by Hilton working together. We hope you will attend to learn more from your Association and what we have to offer your charter business. Why not take a little time off from your normal schedule and take in an interesting, informative and relaxing weekend for fun and camaraderie with fellow captains.



This year's scholarship awards were presented to Anthony Alvin (left) and Ben Bejzek (right) Capt. Eric Andersen - President MCBA (center).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain John Giszczak



Captains,

Please take the time to check your listings. Be sure they are correct.

If you do need something changed or corrected, start on the MCBA home page, click on "Members" at the top right of the home page, then click on "Web Updates" in

the banner on the "Members' page. Fill out the Form. Your questions, concerns, or changes will go directly to the webmaster and it may take only a matter of minutes to fix your problem.

If you need help or have questions please call the 888-903-9449. If you have to leave me a message, please speak slow-ly/clearly, your message is digitally recorded and sent to me via email.

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for Danel Sportsfishing, said Thursday.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources confirmed it. The salmon fishing has been strong up and down Lake Michigan, from St. Joseph to Frankfort. But the DNR said they're really biting in Grand Haven.

"Grand Haven's been on fire," Brian Butt, captain of the Sea Flea charter boats, said. "It really has. It's been on fire."

It's good news for charter boat captains and for harbor towns.

"The restaurants, the motels, the fuel stations and the shopping centers of downtowns all benefit by this sort of activity," said Dennis Grinold, captain of the Old Grin charter boat.

In 2015 and 2016, Chinook or king salmon in Lake Michigan dropped to levels not seen since the 1970s, according to Jay Wesley, the DNR's Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator.

"Last year, we could say there was 70 percent less chinook in Lake Michigan than there was in 2012, and those were pretty good years," Grinold said.

A big reason for the drop was that the DNR drastically cut back the number of young Chinooks it planted in Lake Michigan. In 2012, the DNR planted 3.6 million of the four-inch Chinooks. The next year, it cut that in half. The year after that, it reduced it again, now down to 1.3 million a year.

But now, the DNR is noticing more natural reproduction of Chinook.

Last year, the DNR said, an estimated 1.1 million king salmon swam the lake — far below average. This year, the DNR expects that number has almost doubled to nearly 2 million Chinooks, which is closer to average.

But average is a far cry better than what it has been.

"It's not just Grand Haven," Grinold said.
"It's from St. Joe all the way up to Manistee: Coho and Chinook salmon."

The DNR said one reason for the rebound is that a couple consecutive warm winters allowed the salmon's food supply — the alewives — to thrive.

"I can't recall seeing it last this strong this long in this area of the lake," Grinold said.



LAKE MICHIGAN CITIZENS'
FISHERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
By Capt. Denny Grinold - Chair

A Comparison of Predator Diets and Predator Demand

in Lakes Michigan and Huron.

The purpose of the Lake Michigan Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee (LMCFAC) is to provide input and direction to Michigan DNR regarding fishery management plans and related goals and objectives. Last year, the majority of LMCFAC members were in favor of reducing Chinook salmon stocking, but a sizeable minority was not in favor of the cut and many members addressed concerns regarding lake trout consumption of alewife.

The LMCFAC typically meets twice per year to share information and hear presentations DNR biologists by and Based on these presentations, the ers. Committee was well aware that the Predator-Prey Ratio based on Chinook salmon and alewife was exceeding the management target, and that an expanded Predator-Prey Ratio based on all salmonines and alewife showed that current levels of predation are far too high to be supported by alewife alone.

Lake trout (and to a lesser extent steel-head, coho salmon, and brown trout) play an increasingly important role in lake wide predation, but the Committee does not have a clear understanding of how these species are utilizing different forage species. Since consumption models are based on pre-goby diet data, we are unsure regarding the role of lake trout as a consumer of pelagic forage.

The LMCFAC is fully supportive of the proposed Great Lakes Fishery Trust

project, "A comparison of predator diets and predator demand in lakes Michigan and Huron." The proposed research would do much to advance our understanding of food web dynamics in Lake Michigan, and the comparison to post-alewife Lake Huron could well provide information critical to the future of Lake Michigan, as well.

We feel that this project will do much to address uncertainty that is currently hampering collaborative management of Lake Michigan, and we look forward to hearing a discussion of results at a future LMCFAC meeting.



Southern Lake Huron By Captain Ken Deaton MCBA Director



Educational Ride on the R.V. Tanner

It was my treat to be invited to ride along with the crew of the research vessel R.V. Tanner when they came to the Harbor Beach area to do some sampling. Watching the crew pulling the nets and working the samples from the nets on this new vessel was quite a bit different than when they were on the Chinook. This new vessel is state of the art. This vessel has lifts, hoists, plotters, auto pilot, radar, nice new sampling tables, computers to input the samples taken and much more equipment to make their job a lot more efficient. They can do biomass trolls, electronic sounding trolls, sampling nets and more. This vessel was a well needed tool for our DNR and I am happy they finally acquired it. watching the crew work on this new vessel and seeing the smiles on their faces shows

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me that it was well worth obtaining for them. My thanks to Captain Jeff and the crew for letting me ride along and watch them work to help preserve our Great Lakes Fishery.



40" weight 22# Lake Trout caught in the nets on the Tanner outside of Harbor Beach, Lake Huron

Lake Erie & Lake St. Clair
by Captain Henry Walters - MCBA Director

Well, it looks like V.H.S. (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) has taken a toll on Lake St. Clair again with many fish dying.

I have seen a lot of panfish, perch, and bass floating. It seems that there are more everyday. I have also seen many Muskies floating and heard reports of many more from between the Clinton River and the mouth of the Detroit River. I hope it doesn't hurt them as bad as it did years ago. They had made a good comeback since then but only time will tell.

The small mouth bass fishing suffered last year with the catch number way down from previous years. With all the pre-season fishing, I think it's having a major effect on them.

hope they make a comeback from this or this could be then end of good bass fishing. We'll see what happens.

There has been a proposal by the DNR for an open-all-year catch and release season for Musky in Lake St. Clair. I understand that this has been put on a backburner for now, and I hope It stays there.

Hope everyone has a great year of fishing!



How do you control your spending? Specifically, how do you limit yourself to spend less than you make in your chartering business? As in any business endeavor or even any hobby, there are endless needs and wants that are clamoring for your hard earned money.

Last week I went into a local hardware store and Jody, the owner, who knows me pretty well, happened to see me as I was checking out. My clothes were downright dirty and my arms and face were dirt streaked as she called my attention to two young (good looking) ladies who happened to be selling radio advertising for a local station. Ignoring my looks, Jody introduced them to me and suggested that I consider running ads on the radio... "I advertise on the radio all the time and it's always done well for me." She said.

"Just look at me," I said, (as I pointed out my dirty rags I was wearing as if to use them for an excuse) "do you think I can really afford to run expensive radio ads?"

This is just one example of hundreds of

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ways we can choose to or not to spend our dollars. Is it worthwhile? The sales people tried to convince me that it was, but I was not convinced and I held on to my money.

We are all running a business, and if we intend to stay in business for the long term, we need to consider the return on investment (ROI) for all transactions, whether it's for our advertising dollars, equipment upgrades, preventive maintenance or fuel consumption. Watch every penny you spend and your bottom line will improve.

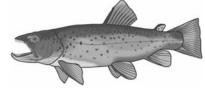


Northern Lake Michigan
By Captain Bill Winowiecki - MCBA Director

The 2017 Charter fishing season is well underway.

A few brown trout were caught earlier this spring.

Good reports of lake trout are found up and down the coast. Good catches of salmon are re-



ported in Southern Michigan. I hope that some of these fish migrate north.

Hearing good reports of alewives in many ports. Up here in Leland, we are seeing the first alewives in three years. It looks like three different year classes came in the harbor.

In MM5 Tribal, gill netting is starting to put a squeeze on our lake trout population. This tribal member tends to harvest more than the Total Allowable Catch "TAC" allows within the guidelines of the Tribal Decree.

In zones MM1, two, three and four the lake trout slot limit is supposed to go way. With two fish 15 inches and over taking its place.

Jay Wesley, DNR Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator, has assured me that the National Resources Commission, NRC is supposed to meet in early June and sign off on the new regulation. He said he would inform the stakeholders as soon as they do.

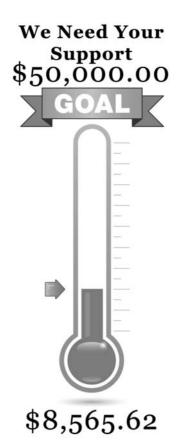
The MCBA raffle to raise money for the "Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources" is on hold now. Since we have never held a large raffle before, the MCBA has applied for a raffle permit from the State Gaming Commission. The MCBA is a non-profit organization so we have to submit our financial history and our bi-laws to the Commission.

I hope that we are approved, get our permit number, and mail our tickets off to the membership in time for the fall confer-

ence. We have a long way to go to raise money for our share of support for the Coalition.

The MCBA will be asking for donations to our Tribal Decree negotiation fund this fall when our members renew their membership. Please consider a donation.

Have a great season, and be safe out there.







Central Lake MichiganBy Captain George Freeman - MCBA Director

On April 5 a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service truck released 40,032 immature lake trout

from the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery in Ludington Harbor. The fish were six inches in length and of the Lewis Lake Strain. April 6th the DNR delivered approximately 58,600 brown trout to the car ferry docks on Pere Marquette Lake in Ludington. All of this year's fish were the Wild Rose strain. Central Lake Michigan's spring brown fishing has been disappointing the past few years. Hopefully, the DNR's efforts to keep the area stocked will help to improve our spring brown trout fishery. Due to DNR cuts in Chinook salmon plants, Chinooks were not penned at the Ludington State Park this year. Instead, the DNR and the Ludington Charter Boat Association put approximately 10,000 one-and-a-half year old Coho Salmon in two net pens in the Sable River at the park. This is the first time Coho have been placed in net pens. The experiment went well. The fish were released April 18th along with another 40,000 Coho direct planted into the river. Some of the fish will return this fall as jacks but most of them should return in the fall of 2018.

Two tournaments are scheduled this July in Central Lake Michigan. The first will be the Muskegon Lumber Town Challenge held July 7– 9. New for this year on Friday is the Terry Weber Michigan Stinger Memorial Woman's & Kids Tournament. Entry is \$100 per boat and 10% of entry fees will go to Terry's Fund which has been set up through the DNR to benefit Education and Out-

reach Programs and to provide fishing gear for children. For more info check out http://muskegonlumbertownchallenge.com or call Jeff at (231) 750-2042 or Don at (231) 206-0048. The Ludington Offshore Classic Pro/Am will run July 13 – 19. The Classic will have a \$10,000 1st place Pro Division prize based on a 30 entry and boasts a 100% payout guarantee. A new event has been added to the Classic this year. It is the Big Boy Tournament to be held on July 18-19. It is billed as a high stakes equal high rewards event. Entry fee is \$1000.00 per boat. Payout will be 100%.

For more info check out www.ludingtontournament.com or call the Ludington & Scottville Chamber at (800) 542-4600.

Any captain or club in the Central Lake Michigan region (Muskegon through Ludington) that would like to provide news for the Cannonball, please call me at (877) 456-3474.

A View from over the Transom By Captain Jim Fenner

A second mild winter. Two in a row. What will it mean for the fishing season this year? After two very hard winters in a row, it will be interesting to see what difference a second mild winter will make. While it is still very early in the season, anecdotal reports suggest some good fishing, especially for lake trout and even more catches of good-sized salmon than last year at this time. In addition, there are reports of more baitfish, too.

The catch rate for Salmonids was down

again in 2016, continuing the slide now for four years in a row.

The customers are still coming, but they are going to different ports, and catching different fish. Early reports from the DNR at Charlevoix, say that the total number of charter boat operators actually increased from 613 to 627. The total number of charters was 17,367, also a slight increase from the previous year. Lake Michigan, with, as always, the largest number, however, experienced a significant loss with 11,791 Charters, down approximately 1,000 from last year. The loss of LM was more than offset by gains of greater than 500 for each of Lake Huron with 2,154, and Lake Erie, 1,819. The total charter catch actually increased from 206,000 fish to 244,000. Walleyes increased from 15% of the total to 21%, while Chinook has decreased from 14% to 9 %. Lake trout were 25% of the total catch. Many attribute the sharp decline in Lake Michigan charters to the much -reduced chance to catch Chinook salmon. The catch rate per hour for Kings declined again on Lake Michigan, while the catch rate for lake trout increased. The numbers of charters in Ludington and Grand Haven, while still substantial, declined in both ports. Both are most famous for being King Salmon ports. Conversely, the southern ports of South Haven and St.Joe-Benton Harbor now have the largest number of charters with around 800 at each of the ports. Their catches consist primarily of lake trout, with some Coho's and a much smaller number of Kings. It seems clear that the customers are going more to the southern ports where it is possible to catch lake trout in large numbers, and slowly moving away from the traditional top Chinook ports. Meanwhile, the fishing continues to improve in Lake Huron, with the number of charters up to 2,154 in 2016. While the catch rate per unit hour on Lake Huron is still much lower than on Lake Michigan, it has increased, even as it continues to fall on Lake Michigan.

Last summer was a time of considerable controversy as it became more and more clear that lake trout were taking over the lakes, both in actual numbers and in continued plantings. This continues even into the next two years at least, as the number of planted trout remains high and the number of planted salmon continues to decline. This controversy will not go away anytime soon. It is clear that the customers want to catch salmon, but are going for trout, as the perception seems to be increasing that a successful salmon charter is getting harder and harder to have. We need the excitement of catching King Salmon to keep growing our nationally recognized sport fishery. Here is hoping that will begin to change back soon; hopefully starting this season.

Now, thinking about your personal professional future: Have you been chartering for decades? Maybe getting close to retirement age? Are you considering retiring? Keep the MCBA retired membership option in your mind. The MCBA retired member category is for captains who have concluded or suspended active membership who would like to continue to be an MCBA member for a very small membership fee. It's only for captains who are retired or who are not active at this time. It does not qualify you to work as a captain or a mate. It does

not cover the drug program or an Internet listing, but it does allow you to maintain your connection to the MCBA. (In addition, you can choose this category whether your license is current or not.)

I keep in touch this way. Even though I am retired, I get the newsletter, the emails, and the info about the annual fall conference, which I usually attend. There I get to catch up with many friends from my active membership days. I know I will enjoy that weekend. Good friends, good information, good times. Maybe I will see you there. Meanwhile, keep a tight line.

Changes made to lake trout regulations on lakes Huron and Michigan

At its meeting Thursday in Houghton, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission approved fishing regulation changes regarding lake trout and splake in



lakes Michigan and Huron and Type F drowned river mouth lakes. These regulations went into effect today, June 9.

The regulation changes will result in expanded angling opportunities, including:

- * In the Lake Michigan lake trout management units of MM1 through MM4, lake trout and splake will be managed under a new minimum size limit of 15 inches (the maximum size limit regulation has been removed).
- * In the Lake Michigan lake trout management units of MM6 through MM8, the lake trout and splake possession season has been changed to open all year.



* In the Lake Huron lake trout management units of MH3 through MH6, the lake trout and splake possession sea-

son has been changed to open all year.

* In Type F drowned river mouth lakes, the lake trout and splake possession season has been changed to open all year.

It should be noted that the commission did not adopt proposed regulations adjustments for lake trout in the Lake Huron management units of MH1 through MH2.

The online version of the 2016-2017 Michigan Fishing Guide (available at michigan.gov/dnrdigests) will be updated to reflect these changes. Information also will be updated on the DNR's fishing regulations hotline at 888-367-7060

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Give him a call at (734)847-1723 email: SEAKsLic@aol.com
Chuck Kakuska will be at the Annual Meeting Oct. 21, 2017 (all day) to answer questions about your USCG license renewal.

News Bites

Changes to Ballast Water Discharge

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation passed S. 1129, the 2018 Coast Guard reauthorization act by voice vote.

AWO (the American Waterways Operators) said it welcomed inclusion of the Commercial Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (CVIDA) in the reauthorization act.

AWO describes CVIDA as "bipartisan legislation that streamlines what is currently a broken regulatory system in which commercial vessels moving vital maritime commerce on U.S. waterways are subject to conflicting and duplicative vessel discharge regulations by two federal agencies and 25 states. Under CVIDA, regulations for ballast water and other discharges from commercial vessel operations are consolidated under the authority of the Coast Guard, in consultation with EPA."

NOAA forecasts more severe harmful algal bloom for Lake Erie in 2017

Researchers' early forecasts are projecting a harmful algal bloom this summer likely to exceed the



severity of last year in western Lake Erie, although there is still some uncertainty.

The severity of the blooms depends on the amount of phosphorus drained into the lake, most notably from the Maumee River during the loading season, which runs from March 1 to July 31.

Monitors are set on the Maumee River as part of our tributary loading program at 18 different stations — at each one of these sites three times a day. Technicians collect these samples every week and then analyze them for most of the major nutrients.

New study looks at 'sensitive' parts of the Great Lakes and oil

There's a new study that identifies what parts of the Great Lakes might be most at environmental risk if there's an oil spill.

Oil is transported through the Great Lakes region by pipeline, train and ship.

The Society of Canadian Limnologists studies inland waterways and have mapped where the region's most environmentally sensitive areas cross paths with where oil is transported through the Great Lakes. They are especially concerned about areas near the shoreline.

In these neutral zones, we have oftencritical habitat, species at risk, important





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habitat that are being used for many things and are very important biologically.

Lakes Ontario and Erie are at particular risk. Once completed they hope the study will help guide future government decision-making on future plans to transport through the Great Lakes region.



CAPTAIN! What is a SMI?

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- 3. Damage in excess of \$100,000
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God bless America and our troops



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